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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FONMIN PRINCE SAUD

REF: (A) STATE 74947, (B) STATE 65708, (C) STATE 81008

1. DURING THE AMBASSADOR'S APRIL 3 MEETING WITH FONMIN PRINCE SAUD BIN FAISAL HE LEFT WITH HIM PAPERS ON A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS. IT WAS AGREED THAT THEY WOULD MEET WHEN PRINCE SAUD RETURNED TO JIDDA APRIL 6 TO DISCUSS THOSE MATTERS IN GREATER DETAIL AFTER THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO OVER THE MATERIAL GIVEN TO HIM. THE AMBASSADOR TOLD PRINCE SAUD THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO RIYADH OR ELSEWHERE TO MEET WITH HIM IF THAT WAS MORE CONVENIENT.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOW INFORMS US THAT PRINCE SAUD WILL NOT BE COMING TO JIDDA TODAY DUE TO THE VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA OF IRANIAN PREMIER HOVEIDA. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE AMBASSADOR WILL BE CALLED TO RIYADH TO MEET WITH PRINCE SAUD BUT MORE LIKELY THAT THEIR MEETING WILL NOT NOW TAKE PLACE BEFORE SATURDAY APRIL 10. SOME TIME AFTER THAT DATE PRINCE SAUD PLANS TO ATTEND THE ARAB/AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE AT DAKAR.

3. TWO MAIN SUBJECTS WHICH THE AMBASSADOR WISHES TO DIS-
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CUSS WITH PRINCE SAUD ARE THE HAWKS FOR JORDAN (REF A

AND B) AND THE APPARENT EXCLUSION OF AMERICAN FIRMS FROM
AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUTOMATED TELEPHONE
PROJECT. (REF C) AS NOTED, PRINCE SAUD ALREADY HAS BEEN
GIVEN WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS ON BOTH OF THESE SUBJECTS
AND THE SAME INFORMATION HAS ALSO BEEN PASSED TO CROWN
PRINCE FAHD.
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